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**Six miles of state highways in Fleming, Mason counties named in
memory of fallen soldiers, civil servants, community leaders**

New highway signs on KY 158, KY 111, KY 57, KY 32

FLEMINGSBURG, Ky. – Several fallen soldiers, civil servants and community leaders in Fleming and Mason counties have been memorialized by the state legislature through official highway signs dedicating sections of Kentucky roadways in their honor.

Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock said placement of memorial highway signs is a responsibility the cabinet takes seriously. “These signs are well-deserved and permanent tributes that will stand the tests of time,” Hancock said.

By order of the 2012 General Assembly, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has erected the following highway signs in Fleming and Mason counties:

- The “Lance Thompson Memorial Highway” on KY 158 from Ringos Mill Road one mile east toward the Rowan County line, in memory of the Marine who was killed in action in Iraq eight years ago.
- The “Willie Thompson Memorial Highway” on KY 158 from Ringos Mille Road one mile west toward Flemingsburg, in memory of the Hillsboro volunteer firefighter who died 11 years ago.
- The “Sergeant Darrin K. Potter Memorial Highway” on KY 111 from KY 32 one mile south, in memory of the Army soldier who was killed in action in Iraq nine years ago.
- The “Sergeant John E. Cooper Memorial Highway” on KY 57 from the Flemingsburg city limits one mile north, in memory of the Army soldier who was killed in action in Iraq five years ago.
- The “Coach Lake Kelly Memorial Highway” on KY 32 from the bypass one mile west past Fleming County High School, in memory of the longtime college and high school basketball coach who died three years ago.

- The “Danny Hay Memorial Highway” on KY 68 from the Maysville city limits one mile east, in memory of Hay, a police officer who in 1979 was killed in the line of duty.

“It is without question that these individuals gave totally of themselves, serving their communities and countries with their whole hearts,” said State Rep. Mike Denham, D-Maysville. “While we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude we owe to them, these memorial highway signs will serve as lasting tribute of our thankfulness.”

State Sens. Robin Webb, D-Grayson, and Walter Blevins, D-Morehead, called the legislature’s action establishing the memorial highways a fitting honor.

“Soldiers, firefighters and policemen, coaches and community leaders should always be counted among our heroes, as they deserve our deepest appreciation,” Webb said.

“This is an expression of our appreciation for their works and sacrifices that will exist for generations to come,” Blevins said.

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